

§ 300.266

of the Interior shall establish, not later than December 4, 1997 under the BIA, an advisory board composed of individuals involved in or concerned with the education and provision of services to Indian infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities, including Indians with disabilities, Indian parents of the children, teachers, service providers, State and local educational officials, representatives of tribes or tribal organizations, representatives from State Interagency Coordinating Councils under section 641 of the Act in States having reservations, and other members representing the various divisions and entities of the BIA. The chairperson must be selected by the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) The advisory board shall—

(1) Assist in the coordination of services within the BIA and with other local, State, and Federal agencies in the provision of education for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities;

(2) Advise and assist the Secretary of the Interior in the performance of the Secretary's responsibilities described in section 611(i) of the Act;

(3) Develop and recommend policies concerning effective inter- and intra-agency collaboration, including modifications to regulations, and the elimination of barriers to inter- and intra-agency programs and activities;

(4) Provide assistance and disseminate information on best practices, effective program coordination strategies, and recommendations for improved educational programming for Indian infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities; and

(5) Provide assistance in the preparation of information required under § 300.260(g).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(i)(5))

§ 300.266 Annual report by advisory board.

(a) *General.* The advisory board established under § 300.265 shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Congress an annual report containing a description of the activities of the advisory board for the preceding year.

(b) *Report to the Secretary.* The Secretary of the Interior shall make avail-

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able to the Secretary the report described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(i)(6)(A))

§ 300.267 Applicable regulations.

The Secretary of the Interior shall comply with the requirements of §§ 300.301–300.303, 300.305–300.309, 300.340–300.348, 300.351, 300.360–300.382, 300.400–300.402, 300.500–300.586, 300.600–300.621, and 300.660–300.662.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(i)(2)(A))

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

§ 300.280 Public hearings before adopting State policies and procedures.

Prior to its adoption of State policies and procedures related to this part, the SEA shall—

(a) Make the policies and procedures available to the general public;

(b) Hold public hearings; and

(c) Provide an opportunity for comment by the general public on the policies and procedures.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(20))

§ 300.281 Notice.

(a) The SEA shall provide adequate notice to the general public of the public hearings.

(b) The notice must be in sufficient detail to inform the general public about—

(1) The purpose and scope of the State policies and procedures and their relation to Part B of the Act;

(2) The availability of the State policies and procedures;

(3) The date, time, and location of each public hearing;

(4) The procedures for submitting written comments about the policies and procedures; and

(5) The timetable for submitting the policies and procedures to the Secretary for approval.

(c) The notice must be published or announced—

(1) In newspapers or other media, or both, with circulation adequate to notify the general public about the hearings; and